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Letter dated 24 March 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the extradition of Mladen Naletilic (Tuta) to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, issued on 21 March 2000 by the President of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 53, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement on the extradition of Mladen Naletilic (Tuta) to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague issued on 21 March 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union acknowledges the decision by the Croatian Government to extradite to The Hague Mladen Naletilic (Tuta), in order that he be put on trial by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia on charges of having committed crimes against humanity in southern Bosnia.

The European Union welcomes the Croatian Government's gesture, which is in line with the new Croatian leadership's commitments to achieve significant progress in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The European Union has stressed, in its Council Declaration of 24 January and in recent high-level contacts, that the respect by Croatia of international commitments, notably full cooperation with the Tribunal, together with meaningful reforms in the political and economic field, are prerequisites for bringing Croatia closer to European structures.